

House Resolution No. 525

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize a remarkable Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself as a follower of the Lord for many years; and

Whereas, the Reverend Jefferson David Edwards, Jr., a treasured resident of Kansas City, Missouri, is celebrating twenty-seven years in the ministry; and

Whereas, Pastor Edwards has played an integral role in the spiritual guidance and fulfillment of the congregation at the Freedom Christian Center Church in Kansas City for the past twenty-three years, during which time he has helped his flock to develop a lasting and more meaningful relationship with the Lord; and

Whereas, the author of six books including Chosen Not Cursed, which appeared on the Best Seller List, Pastor Edwards has traveled internationally to Trinidad, Tobago, Barbados, and Haiti, where he has worked with many churches, has established a church for the Aborigines in Australia, and has spoken at conferences in Johannesburg, South Africa; and

Whereas, throughout his impressive tenure of service as the First Vice President of Concerned Clergy of Kansas City, Missouri, Pastor Edwards has worked to ensure the financial stability of the African American community; and

Whereas, a graduate of the International Seminary in Florida where he received both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees, Pastor Edwards looks forward to completing his Doctorate later this year; and

Whereas, Pastor Edwards has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Debra, and his two beautiful children, Honesty and Emiah:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Pastor Edwards as he proudly celebrates twenty-seven years of glorious service to the Freedom Christian Center Church and to the ministry, and in wishing him and his congregation only the very best as they continue to serve the Christian mission; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Reverend Jefferson David Edwards, Jr., as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Jeneé Lowe
District No. 44

Representative Craig Bland
District No. 43

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 525, adopted February 28, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

